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TO: **Examiner Beatriz Pietro - Group 2152**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Roberts, et al.
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Title : **Method and Apparatus For Providing Network Services**
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REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW / AGENDA

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Dear Examiner Pietro:

Below please find a proposed agenda for a telephone interview. Applicant believes that discussion of the following items in an interview will highlight the key issues in the case and thus expedite its prosecution.

The interview will allow the applicant to walk through amendments to claims 1 and 11 and highlight novelties in new claims 21-105. One of the inventors will also be at the phone interview to answer questions and give clarification.

15 **1. limitation (a) of claim 1 - "directory of identifiers and metadata..."**

- This limitation now states that the directory comprises of both identifiers and metadata.
- In Schneck, metadata in map 212 (col. 3/lines 57-60) and identifiers in directory 104 (col. 4/lines 23-33, 43-63, col. 3/lines 37-38) are two separate entities and are accessed separately. Fig. 2 of Schneck shows that they are distinct. Fig. 3 of Schneck teaches that accesses to
20 directory (104) and map (212) occur in two different steps (302 and 304) (col. 5 lines 1-7).
Schneck does not contain any teaching to combine them for single location storage, as is the case with the directory of the present invention. In Schneck, the entities are separated to allow for Schneck's main purpose of customizing directory content via the use of templates.

25 **2. limitation (b) of claim 1 - "engine for receiving requests ..."**

- This section of the claim has been amended particularly point out the way driver interfaces with network services. The relationship among the engine, the session, the directory, the identifiers, and the metadata obtained from said directory is now specified.

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- The engine uses the metadata for several operations when a request is accepted. In Schneck, there is no mention of session tracking, wherein multiple requests can access a state storing session as in the present invention. Furthermore, each session is configured by using the metadata stored in the directory. The "metadata" (map 212) cited by the Examiner is not used in such purpose in Schneck.

3. Perkowski Reference - definition of the term "network service"

- It is important to note that the term "service", as used in Perkowski, refers to physical services (i.e. delivered and performed by humans) (col. 8 line 46 – col. 9 line 13). The cited reference clearly states that the "services" in question have UPC numbers that are commonly used to identify physical products and services.

- The term "service" in Perkowski is used interchangeably with the term "product." More over, servicemark and trademark are mentioned in conjunction with "service" in Perkowski (col. 8 line 62). As such, other terms within Perkowski, (e.g. directory of services) cannot be interpreted contrary to the meaning taught by the specification.

- An URL given about the "services" and "products" (col. 8, lines 59-61) is for an internet location where information about such physical "services" and "products". The URL of the information page of Perkowski's "service" cannot be seen as equivalent to an identifier to the "network service" within the scope of the meaning defined by the present application.

- On the point of accessing network services, an area where Schneck does not explicitly teaches, Perkowski does not teach the same method of access as outlined in limitation (b) of the amended claim 1. None of the information in the IPSD (e.g. numeric or IP/SN Information Field, UPC codes) is used to configure a state storing session for interaction with network services, as the metadata are utilized in the present invention. Fig. 4A of Perkowski describes only a process of looking up a URL based on a product serial number and allowing a client to access product information located at the found URL. In essence, it is a short-hand way of accessing information about physical products and services using a universal product serial number (UPSN).

New Claims 21-105

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These claims are added to more fully describe matter in the present invention. During the interview, the Applicant will walk through the new claims with the Examiner.

Please contact the Applicant via fax at 213-229-2999 or 213-229-2977 via phone in regard to the
5 decision to grant this interview request.

Respectfully submitted,

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